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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
PHILIP S. GREEN) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 08/709,930) Art Unit: 2713
Filed: September 9, 1996) RESPONSE TO JUNE 1, 1998
For: SURGICAL SYSTEM) OFFICE ACTION
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding June 1, 1998 Office Action, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 46 as follows:

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1 46. (Once amended) A method for performing surgery on
2 an anatomy of a person comprising the steps of:
3 (a) providing a control assembly coupled to a surgical
4 assembly [including] comprising a surgical instrument [having]
5 including a forearm member having a distal forearm end, a wrist
6 member pivotally connected to the distal forearm end of the
7 forearm member [such] in a manner as to be capable of being
8 pivoted about a first axis, and an end effector member movably
9 coupled to the wrist member [such] in a manner as to be capable
10 of being moved about a second axis that is generally
11 perpendicular to the first axis;

12 (b) inserting the surgical instrument of the surgical
13 assembly of step (a) into an anatomy of a person until the end
14 effector member reaches an internal surgical site within the
15 anatomy of the person;